

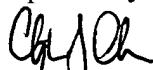
**REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the final Office Action mailed December 10, 2003. Claims 1, 2, and 13-23 are pending in this application. Claims 3-12 were withdrawn from consideration by a prior Office Action. The present Office Action has allowed Claims 16, 17, and 20-25, and Claims 1, 2, 13-15, 18, and 19 stand rejected. By the present amendment, Claims 1-2, 13-15, 18, and 19 are hereby withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof, and without prejudice to filing continuation and/or divisional applications.

**CONCLUSION**

Claims 16, 17, and 20-25 are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record at (404) 815-6048 if such contact will facilitate a Notice of Allowance. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

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